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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

SKEIKY et al.

Application No.: 09/688,672

Filed: October 10, 2000

For: FUSION PROTEINS OF  
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 2671

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend time to respond for one month, from December 3, 2004, to January 3, 2005, is filed herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.